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Sent: 12/6/2018 8:16:11 PM
To: Hirsh, Steven [Hirsh.Steven@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Year in Review Document

BLADES GW RESPONSE:

Based on EPA Site Assessment investigation at an industrial facility in Blades, DE, PFAS contamination of drinking water was found leading to immediate response actions by EPA, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) and the Department of Public Health (DPH) to address the PFAS contamination detected in the public water supply and residential wells in Blades, Sussex County, DE. PFAS are emerging contaminants and response actions are complicated because they pose a threat to a large community drinking water supply. EPA working closely with DNREC, other state and local agencies, rapidly assessed and expedited several immediate investigative and response actions at Blades to ensure residents were provided with safe drinking water. To date, EPA continues to provide technical support to DNREC on Blades GW PFAS Contamination. Given the complexity of coordinating response actions between government agencies, it is EPA's strong partnership and collaboration amongst these various government agencies embodies the Administrator's goal of Cooperative Federalism and fulfilling the Agency's core mission: clean air, land, and water.

News Articles:

<https://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/local/2018/02/08/blades-residents-receive-bottled-water-after-pfcs-found-wells/321939002/>

<https://blades.delaware.gov/2018/02/09/blades-drinking-water/>

This is a good article showcasing EPA involvement:

<http://www.wboc.com/story/37474155/dnrec-investigating-blades-water-contamination-as-residents-express-concern>

<https://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/local/2018/02/13/sussex-county-town-marks-fourth-site-known-pfcs-contamination-delaware/335173002/>

https://www.delaware1059.com/news/official-cause-of-the-water-contamination-in-blades-remains-a/article_077fad06-1dbe-11e8-a990-33b16fb57bf0.html

<https://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/local/2018/03/01/dnrec-no-plans-test-pfcs-other-delaware-towns/376675002/>

Let me know if you have any questions/comments.

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From: Hirsh, Steven
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Sounds like a good one. Connor is talking about it now.

Steve

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On Dec 4, 2018, at 10:39 AM, Yap-deffler, Yazmine <Yap-Deffler.Yazmine@epa.gov> wrote:

I think Blades GW would be the better option to highlight for year end review. No controversies, showcased Administrator' 2 strategic goals: Goal 1)Core Mission-provide Americans w/ clean air, land & water & ensure chemical safety and Goal 2)Cooperative Federalism

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On Dec 4, 2018, at 12:28 PM, Hirsh, Steven <Hirsh.Steven@epa.gov> wrote:

I think you need to pick one. The region submits 5-10. I'd guess the division has maybe 2 or 3. Blades would be a good one. Nonresponsive based on revised scope
accomplishment.

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On Dec 4, 2018, at 10:14 AM, Yap-deffler, Yazmine <Yap-Deffler.Yazmine@epa.gov> wrote:

Also, SSI pathway rule making & Blades GW

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On Dec 4, 2018, at 11:54 AM, Hirsh, Steven
<Hirsh.Steven@epa.gov> wrote:

I think we should pick one accomplishment for each program.

Nonresponsive based on revised scope

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On Dec 4, 2018, at 9:46 AM, Goldblum, Deborah
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We can pull from the
Accomplishments report.

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Last chance to make me look good....just kidding. Can you please suggest some issues – how about by next Friday? Thanks.

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Subject: Year in Review Document

Good morning Directors,

HQ is starting to create *EPA's Year in Review* document and is requesting the each program office and region send 5-10 notable accomplishments for 2018. This may include progress made on issues from the previous year. Please also provide brief, citable descriptions and related links to press releases, news articles, or rules along with each accomplishment that highlights why this is notable, and how it improves upon work done by previous administrations. Please send your divisions accomplishments to me and cc Terri and Joan by **COB 12/18/18**.

Please see last year's *Year in Review* [here](#).

Thanks in advance,

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